

District of Metchosin

Minutes

Agricultural Advisory Select Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Robin Tunnicliffe, Shelly Donaldson, Alex Fletcher, Andrew Penn, Matt Ashton, Sasha Kubicek

Regrets: Brent Donaldson and Peter Chettleburgh

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

- Addition of item 9.e) CRD Goose Committee Report.

Moved and Seconded by Sasha Kubicek and Robin Tunnicliffe

THAT the Committee approve the agenda as amended to include the addition of item 9. e) CRD Goose Committee Report.

Carried

2. Annual Chair Appointment

- There was no interest from Committee members.
- Robin Tunnicliffe will continue as appointed Chair.

3. Presentations

- None

4. Public Participation

- No members of the public wished to address the Committee.

5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Alex Fletcher and Sasha Kubicek

THAT the Committee approve the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Select Committee meeting held on December 9, 2025.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Speaker Series

- Muse article was submitted.
- Karma and Rebecca were not able to speak in January.
- Chair reached out to vegetable producer farms that were involved in Flavor Trails.
 - City Edge Farm - did not have infrastructure to host visitors so found Involvement did not help farm.
 - Madrona Farm - being involved in Flavor Trails did not help farm financially, but

- helped bring awareness to farming and get non farmers out onto farms
- Farms with key infrastructure to host large groups can monetize and benefit from initiatives like Flavor Trails.
- Committee aims to inventory farms in Metchosin who have infrastructure in place to host interested groups.
- March Speaker Series event at Bilston Creek Farm will focus on agri-tourism with speakers Karma and Rebecca.
 - Andrew Penn will confirm speakers and date.
- Second speaker series marketing and social media ideas.
- Event Subcommittee was created to continue working on Speaker Series ideas.
 - Subcommittee: Andrew Penn, Peter Chettleburgh and Sasha Kubicek.
 - Subcommittee to create banner for March event.

7. Reports

a) Chair Report

- No further report.

b) Councillor Liaison Report

- Reimagine Westshore will continue workshops and need to update Farm 2 Fork Map with committee's recommendations from last year.
- School kitchen tour can be booked for interested farmers.
- Grant application for pollinator hedge row along meridian of old school property.
- Home Plate recommendations in queue for Council review.

8. Correspondence

a) 11th Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop

- Chair will attend
- All members may attend.

9. Other Business

a) Review: Committee Terms of Reference

- Proposed changes:
 - Purpose: from 'developing' to 'implementing' plan
 - Membership section: remove c) terms

b) Review: Respectful Workplace Policy

- No comments.

c) AVICC call for Resolutions-

- Ideas to be circulated by members.

d) Agricultural Plan Implementation Working Group

- Alex Fletcher presented a summary and draft MAA proposal.
- Group to arrange presentation to Council.

e) Regional Canada Goose Working Group (RCGWC) Report

- Sasha Kubicek, appointed Committee representative, summarised the December 10, 2025 meeting:
 - Presentation from researcher of Fraser Delta geese impact on tidal sedges:
 - Geese are decimating sedge population and eroding estuaries.
 - No plan in place in Fraser Delta to deal with situation.
 - CRD confirmed two culls will occur in 2026 of goose populations, one in Sooke and one in Metchosin.
 - Suggested use of geese meat from culls: Pet food and fertilizer.
 - Geese continue to decimate farmland and continue major operational and financial hardships to farmers.
 - CRD is now focussing budget and mandate to reduce population.
 - Request for farmers to share pictures of before and after geese damage.

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Moved and Seconded by Sasha Kubicek and Alex Fletcher
THAT the Committee adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

The next meeting will be called by the Chair.